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The Microsoft settlement is bad for consumers, bad for business, and bad for government.

The slap on the wrist so far extracted from Microsoft in no way compensates for the many and serious harms this company has caused to companies such as Netscape, Apple, innumerable others, and consumers all over the United States and beyond.

Also, any settlement by which Microsoft simply has to distribute MORE of its products in the marketplace ... one of the very problems that occasioned this entire legal battle ... is simply too ludicrous to credit. A proper settlement would be paying for installations of competing products such as Linux servers and Macintosh computers.

Microsoft argues that the US economy would suffer if it was restrained. The opposite is true. Rid the marketplace of Microsoft's stranglehold, and you will see a flowering of creativity, investment, start-ups, and ideas the like of which we haven't seen since the glory days of the dot-coms. This renaissance, however, would have a chance to take root and flower.

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